

Beard's

The Big Trade Event For 1918

January Clearance & White Sale

Two Big Sales Combined

Starts Thursday Morning, Jan. 17, and
Closes Saturday Night, Jan 26

As is the custom of this store, we hold during January two Big Sales—our White Sale and Clearance Sale. This season we are going to combine the two sales, thus enabling you to kill two birds with one stone by supplying your Summer and Winter needs at the same time at a Great Price Sacrifice. Be on hand early.

WHITE MATERIALS SILKS WOOL DRESS GOODS
READY-TO-WEAR SHOES MATTINGS
RUGS, ALL SIZES SHADES

Read the
BIG WHITE
CIRCULAR

BEARD'S

Sale Starts
8 A. M.
Thursday, Jan. 17

Happenings in Society

Smith—Rhett

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rhett announce the engagement of their daughter

Margaret Nimmo

to
Mr. James Douglass Smith, of Charleston, South Carolina.

Twentieth Century Club

Members Elect Officers.

At a business meeting of the Twentieth Century Club, last Monday afternoon, an election of officers took place. Mrs. S. B. Street, Jr., was re-elected president; Miss Georgia Hopkins, treasurer, and Miss Emma Bell, secretary. Other matters of importance were discussed.

Donate Use of Club Rooms

To Red Cross Chapter.

The members of the Chertaw Club have graciously donated the use of their club rooms to the Red Cross Association to use anytime or for any meeting of this worthy cause.

Glover—Williams.

A wedding of interest to many Columbians was solemnized in Macon on January 9, when Miss Lula B. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, became the bride of Mr. Carr Bullman Glover, of Americus, Ga.

The bride was one of Macon's most popular and lovely girls. She has visited in our city on several occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Sherrod arrived home last week from New Orleans and Biloxi. They will be domiciled with Mrs. Charles Frierson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin, of Birmingham, will arrive Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Trooper Armstrong.

Mrs. W. M. McIntosh, of Iuka, is in the city, called here by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. David Chamberlayne.

Miss Esther Pelman and Mr. Phillip Pelman, of Hattiesburg, are guests of their sister, Mrs. M. Gritzman.

Misses Hays, of Boligu, Alabama, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hays for several days.

Mrs. T. H. Sharp left Wednesday for Jackson, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Robert Henry.

Miss Lily Gregory has returned home from a visit of several months to Texas.

Mrs. T. C. Baird is spending several days at Baird, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks returned Tuesday from Birmingham.

TO FRANCE.

(Dedicated to My Boy, Lieutenant in Washington Artillery.

To France, because your cause is good,

Be first of those that fight
For holiness of sisterhood,
For brotherhood of right.

Heed not a mother's tears—or pleas
Of sweetheart, or her kiss,
For should you die for such as these,
What sweeter death than this!

Or should you give, or should you shed
Our best and reddest blood
To France!—altho' you gave the dead
Your young life in its bud.

Where tears are come to woman's face
In very shame—and where
The point of honor lies, that place
The place for you is there!

Because ten thousand virgins cry
To heaven, and because
A hellish torch is carried by
A nation of outlaws.

Go, boy—the Death reaper day by day
Its harvest of heroes,
Go—and God bless you, for you may—
You may be one of those.

When home is in the scale, and all
You love—unto the brave
There is no call like country's call,
No glory like the grave.

The war is cruel, war is grim,
By God's unerring laws,
In battle, bare your soul to Him,
Your bosom to the cause!

When you have known the worst of war,
As being in the van,
Come not home, or kindred—or
Come back, come back—a man.

Come back—when you have fought
The foe,
But not without a scar,
To speak of soldier, or hero,
And prove it—that you are!
—F. Clairborne.
New Orleans, July 14, 1917.

IF ANY ONE HAS—

Died
Eloped
Married
Divorced
Had a fire
Left Town
Embezzled
Sold a farm
Been arrested
Come to town
Bought a home
Had an accident
Been seriously ill
Committed murder
That's news—telephone 222 or tell a Commercial Reporter.

I will make you a special clubbing offer on your magazines. Jack Senter. Phone 84 or 222.

FOR SALE—80 acres fine farm land at a bargain. Apply R. M. K. this office.

Ladies Home Journal, \$1.50 a year. Jack Senter.

HOME GARDENS CUT STORE BILLS

President Georgia Chamber Of Commerce Shows How Millions Were Saved Last Year

Atlanta, Georgia.—(Special.)—"More money was saved in 1917 through the medium of the home garden than ever before," the United States Department of Agriculture estimating that there were fully one million new gardens made last year," says H. G. Hastings, President of the Southeastern Fair and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, in an interview reviewing the 1917 farming operations in the South.

"Thousands upon thousands of our people in the South," said Mr. Hastings, "for the first time in their lives learned to appreciate the money saving power of the home garden, properly planned, prepared for, planted and kept planted during the entire season."

"Up to the present it has been very hard to get our people to consider the home garden seriously as a real substantial factor in food production with the consequent saving of money that went for food supplies at the store. Unless we are much mistaken the home garden will from now on be taken as seriously as any other part of the farm work."

"A quarter to a half acre devoted to a variety of vegetables liked by the family can be kept going nearly the whole year in the South and give its owner as much as the product of two or three acres of cotton, even at present prices, will buy at the store. The right kind of a garden means an abundance of beautiful food during spring, summer and fall and an abundance either canned or dried for winter use."

"Let no one be fooled by the lies spread abroad that the Government is going to seize home canned goods on closet shelves in the farm or home. These lies are started by German agents for the express purpose of discouraging our people in increased food production and saving. Few can go to the firing line, but all can join in and have a part in home production of food."

"We have never seen a permanently prosperous farm section either in the United States or in foreign countries that was not a diversified section, and in every diversified section the home garden has an honored and valued place. The home garden is a store bill cutter of the first rank."

GENERAL PRODUCTION OF ALASKA IN 1917 WAS OVER \$41,000,000

In 1917 Alaska produced minerals valued at \$41,760,000. These are the advance figures issued by the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and are based on estimates made by G. C. Martin. The value of the mineral output of Alaska in 1917, although about \$6,870,000 less than in 1916, was greater than that in any other year. The most valuable mineral product in 1917 was copper, of which 88,200,000 pounds, valued at \$24,000,000, was produced. This is less than the output of 1916, which was 119,600,000 pounds, valued at \$29,480,000, but is greater than that of any other year. The reduction is due largely to labor troubles and it is not necessarily permanent. The gold produced in 1917, \$15,450,000, of which \$9,850,000 was derived from placer mines, was also less than that produced in 1916, which was \$17,240,000, and is the smallest since 1904. The reduction was due chiefly to curtailment of operations because of the scarcity of labor and the high cost of materials, but in part to the disaster at the Treadwell mine and the depletion of some of the richer placers.

During the year Alaska also produced silver valued at \$1,050,000, coal valued at \$300,000, lead valued at \$160,000, tin valued at \$160,000, antimony valued at \$40,000, and tungsten, chromium, petroleum, marble, gypsum, graphite, and platinum valued at \$600,000.

During 33 years of mining Alaska has produced more than \$391,000,000 in gold, silver, copper, and other minerals. Of this amount \$293,000,000 represents the value of the gold, and \$88,200,000 that of the copper.

Old French Weather Vanes.

In France the original weather vanes were metal reproductions of knightly banners or pennons bearing their owners' heraldic devices and set upon the towers, and, like pennons, indicated the direction of danger, or a summons to victory, a fight or a truce, a warning or a call, according to whether the day was to be fair or foul. An English, not a French, writer it was who first compared a vane to "the uncertain mind of a fantastical woman." The weather may be shifty, you see, but not the vane to its own duty. Falsehood does not abide with it. Wherever a change in wind is important, it functions as a sentinel at the gates or as a courier spreading tidings, a silent, always visible Paul Revere.

Pine Needles Now Valuable.

Since a visitor to Florida discovered that pine needles made excellent nests for hens, driving away vermin and furnishing an added inducement to the fowl to lay eggs, the pine trees' discard has acquired a commercial value. Farmers have used the needles for bedding stock, making hens' nests and covering tender plants in winter for years, but they never regarded them as of any value commercially. A short time ago a Northern man purchased three tons. Shortly after the shippers were surprised to receive a check for \$54, at the rate of \$18 a ton. News of the sale soon spread throughout the section, and now many able-bodied men who have no other occupation have gone to work gathering and baling the needles, and an industry has been started in supplying the demand for this product.

The Woman's Store's

Annual January Sale of

WHITE GOODS

Starts Monday, January 14th

The One Great Event of the Year

It comes this year with a greater significance than ever—bringing as it does a greater opportunity than ever before to economize and at a time, as you all know, when prices of all merchandise are continually advancing. Therefore the more goods you buy now the greater will be your savings, for many of the items included in this sale are no higher than they were several years ago—some are only a few pennies higher, while all are much below what you will have to pay in the future. We therefore cannot urge you too strongly to buy now all the goods you will need for present and future requirements. You can buy fresh new long cloths, nainsooks, dimities, pajama checks, white lawns, white voiles, organdies, white batiste, line, plain and fancy white skirtings, new Val. and torchon laces, table damask, towels and other new white goods, at about what such goods are worth wholesale today. Don't fail to come in and see the snowy white goods on sale at under the market prices.

R. E. LEIGH

Old Yarn For Red Cross.

Have you any old yarn at home? If you have it can be of immense value in the Red Cross work. The children of the schools of the city are making little squares which later will go into completed blankets for the little homeless and orphan children of France. If you have any old yarn and you are willing to contribute it to the Red Cross cause send it to the Red Cross work rooms at the city hall or to Miss Mary Stokes at the Barrow Memorial school.

COTTON CLAIMS.

Am associated with Hon. Charles B. Howry, late Judge of the Court of Claims, Washington City, in the collection of Cotton Claims. We want our cases ready for the U. S. Supreme Court by January 1st. No charges, unless we win. Hurry up! JAMES T. HARRISON, Lawyer.

The income tax collector will be in Columbus on January 26 and will remain in the city until February 13, with headquarters at the court house, and every citizen of the county is urged to make it his duty to make a report to him. Every single man whose income is \$1,000 or more, and every married man whose income is \$2,000 or more should meet the collector personally.

FOR RENT

Several hundred acres of fine farming land; soil adapted to cultivation of either cotton or grain. Apply, by letter only, to "Farm Land," care of Columbus Commercial, Columbus, Miss. 12-23. tf.

Hearst's Magazine \$1.50, until January 28, 1918. Jack Senter.

FOR SALE—Seventeen pure bred Duroc-Jersey cholera immune twelve weeks old pigs. Desire to sell in Lowndes county, but can easily sell elsewhere. Sows, \$15; boars \$12.50. Registration papers furnished free. Telephone 722 Magnolia Farm, H. G. McGowan, Prop. 1-6-2w.

NOTICE—I am the subscription agent for every magazine and leading newspaper published in the United States. Call and let me make you a special clubbing offer. Jack Senter.

Saturday Evening Post, \$1.50 a year. Jack Senter.

FOR SALE—Nine room house, with all modern conveniences. Good garden, servant house. Apply to Mrs. A. Strauss, 217 Sixth street South. 1-13-1mo.

FOR SALE—Hudson-Six. Apply to William Davis.

Cosmopolitan \$2.00. Jack Senter.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF MERCHANTS' AND FARMERS' BANK,

Located at Columbus, in the County of Lowndes, State of Mississippi, at the close of business December 31, 1917 made to the Board of Bank Examiners.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$277,324.36
Overdrafts, secured, cotton, etc.	24,018.17
Overdrafts, unsecured,	1,330.93
Bonds, securities, etc.	44,463.00
Guaranty Fund with State Treasurer	1,500.00
Banking house and lot	13,500.00
Other real estate owned	253.25
Furniture and fixtures	2,000.00
Due from other Banks—commercial or reserve funds	104,079.90
Exchange and checks for next day's clearings	1,572.27
Currency	23,747.00
Gold coin	4,872.50
Silver coin, Nickels and Cents	3,393.95
All other items of resources viz:	
War Saving and Thrift Stamps	868.28
Acceptances	306.80
Total	\$503,220.41

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$65,000.00
Surplus fund	9,000.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, taxes and current expenses	1,087.60
Dividends unpaid	33.05
Individual deposits subject to check	\$265,590.15
Savings deposits	56,221.26
Time certificates of deposit	99,646.97
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,006.62
Reserved for accrued taxes	29.38
Due Banks	383.43
Total	\$503,220.41

I Parker Reeves, Cashier do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, located at Columbus, in the County of Lowndes, State of Mississippi, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1917, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest
PARKER REEVES, Cashier.
J. W. STEEN,
W. S. NEWBY, Directors.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF LOWNDES.
Sworn to and subscribed before me by Parker Reeves, Cashier, this 12th day of January 1918.
My commission expires May 3, 1919.
J. H. BRICKELL,
Notary Public.

Taxes Now Due.

By order of the board of supervisors, I will begin collecting county taxes on Monday, December 10. J. B. WILLIAMS, Sheriff.

JOHN WHITE & CO.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Liberal assortment

and full value paid

for new

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Hides and

Cost Skins



Pure Pork Sausage

Made From Corn Fed Pigs

35c per Pound

Spare Ribs and Backbone 20c per pound

Phone your order and it will be delivered on Monday and Tuesday.

Magnolia Farm

Phone 722

H. G. McGowan, Prop.

Plantation Owners; Cabin Owners TAKE NOTICE!

Your Labor and Tenants ARE DEMANDING MORE COMFORTABLE QUARTERS

To furnish this comfort at a moderate cost we have placed in stock four grades of Heavy Building Paper, to be used inside cabins in place of ceiling.

It is PINK in color, and can be put up with tacks like canvass, and makes a neat room.

For ordinary rooms it takes about three 500 foot rolls and one pound of tacks. Each roll contains 500 square feet, except the Blue Plaster Board, which contains 250 feet.

20 lb. Building Paper, 500 ft. Rolls Per Roll, \$1.00
30 lb. Building Paper, 500 ft. Rolls Per Roll, \$1.35
40 lb. Building Paper, 500 ft. Rolls Per Roll, \$1.65
Extra Heavy BLUE Plaster Board, 250 ft. Rolls Per Roll, \$1.65
Tacks, per pound .30

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